

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARE OFFICE CALLED

In re Application of:

Herman KUENZER et al.

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Group Art Unit: 1616

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Title: 16-HYDROXYESTRATRIENES AS SELECTIVELY ACTIVE ESTROGENS

## AMENDMENT AND REPLY

**Assistant Commissioner for Patents** Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 18, 2001, kindly amend the aboveidentified application as follows.

## **IN THE CLAIMS**

Cancel the existing claims in favor of the following new claims:

53. A 3,1%-Dihydroxyestra-1,3,5(10)-triene compound of formula I:

in which radicals R<sup>1</sup> to R<sup>17</sup>, independently of one another, have the following meanings: